

Makin' it all add up

Cover Story

Northwest's enrollment has risen by about 10 percent. The environment of the University and the Electronic Campus are often credited for attracting prospective students.

..... that 60 to 100 additional students have enrolled since then. "Our overall growth is the second largest in the state over the past 10 years," Montague said.

Applications for next fall are also on the rise, despite the racial tension which concerned many students and rumors that Northwest might close to save Missouri tax dollars. Montague said the threat to close Northwest is now a thing of the past, although it may have

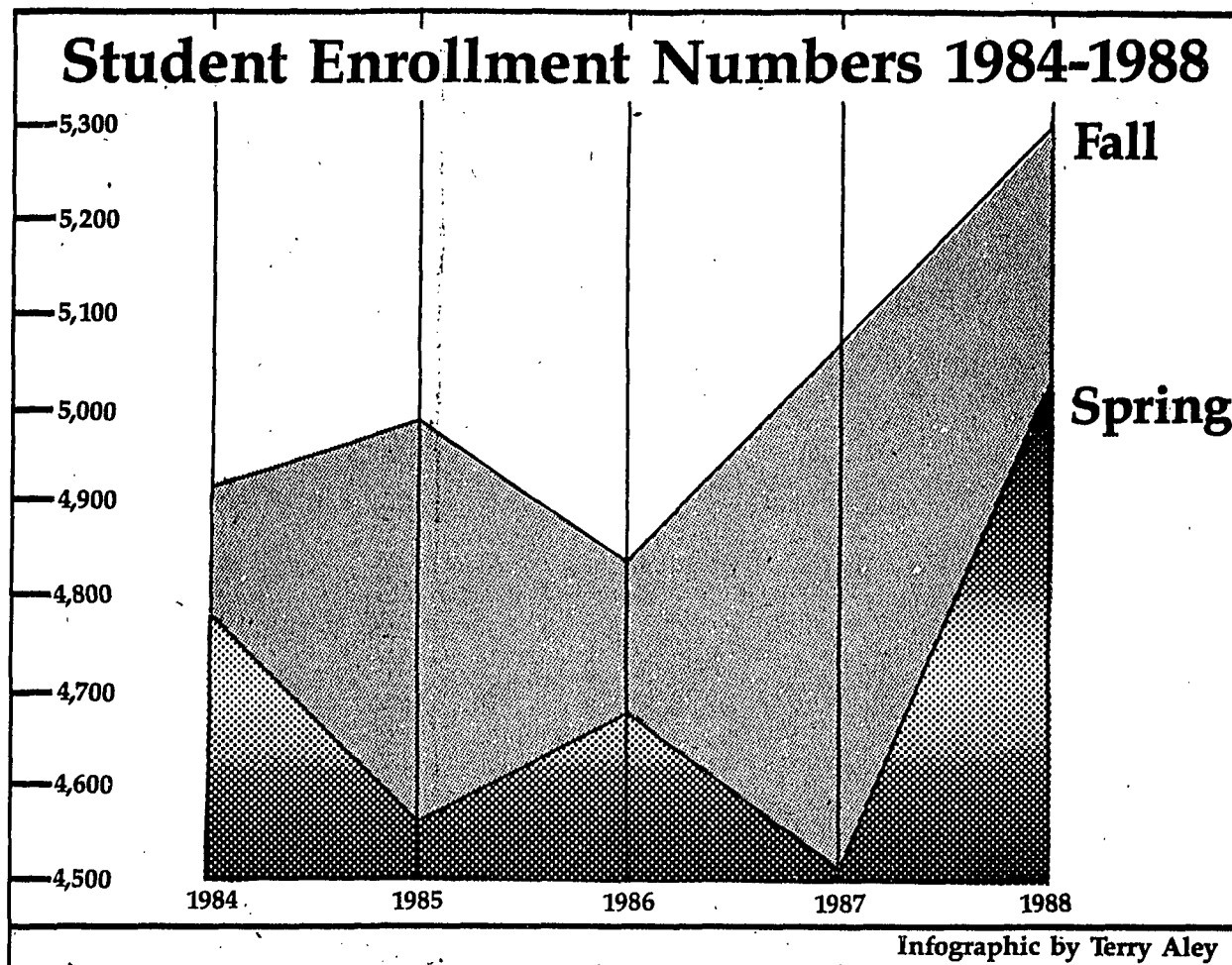
BY NICK WILLIAMS
News Editor

Spring enrollment at Northwest is up by nearly 10 percent this spring as compared to last spring's figures.

Dale Montague, executive director of enrollment management, said 5,044 students are enrolled in spring classes. Last spring, 4,593 students enrolled at Northwest.

The current enrollment figure was taken after late registration last month. Montague estimates

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Barnes launches plan to improve services

NICK WILLIAMS
News Editor

Volunteers met Monday to organize committees in connection with the Campus Life Master Plan, a project which will completely evaluate Northwest's 17 student services.

Dr. Terry Barnes, project coordinator and Culture of Quality coordinator, said students will have the opportunity to complete a survey of the various services. Through the results of the survey, the committees will formulate recommendations to improve Northwest student services.

"This is the greatest chance of providing input that the University has offered students," Barnes said.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard welcomed 133 students, 102 faculty and 49 professional staff members to the two organizational meetings held in the J.W. Jones Student Union Monday afternoon and evening. Afterwards, Barnes discussed the procedures of the Master Plan.

Using the Council for the Advancement of Standards and Guidelines for Student Services, the committees have established several goals and objectives.

The goals of the committees are to establish standards and guidelines for student services and development programs.

They will then help implement the standards to improve services. Committees will also establish a regular evaluation system to meet changing needs and study the role of student services to integrate the Master Plan into the Culture of Quality.

A final goal of the individual committees is to "involve the largest possible segments of the University community in the planning and decision process."

The objectives of the committees are to assess the functions of each student service and examine its strengths and weaknesses. Each committee will develop up to three questions for a comprehensive survey to be compiled in March by Barnes and Dean of Students Phil Hayes. The committees will also prepare a concise report of their proceedings.

Committee work will focus on four criteria. First, committee members will examine services from their own perceptions and attitudes. Second, they will study the level of customer service entrusted to the professional and support staff used to help students. Third, the committees will examine the process through which the student service performs its operations. Finally, they will study the performance regarding the effectiveness of customer service.

The committees will meet three times during the next

month to carry out their mission. The survey questions will be compiled during the third meeting and sent to students March 31. The results of the survey will be assembled in mid-April, after which Barnes will begin writing the rough draft of the Master Plan.

The first draft will be printed and handed out to each committee for review. The committees are scheduled to meet during the first week of May to review the first draft, finalize suggestions and send back the results to Barnes for rewrite.

The second draft of the Master Plan should be completed by late May. Barnes and Hayes will meet with professional staff members and the supervisor of each student service in June to receive final recommendations.

The final draft will be printed and distributed to offices across campus in the summer so that the Master Plan can be combined with the 1989-90 Culture of Quality project.

Jamie Roop, Student Senate president, said the student service evaluation and the implementation of the Master Plan is an important step for the University to take.

Barnes said he was pleased with how Student Senate helped get volunteers for the project. It is "remarkable to have 133 students involved" in the committees, he said.



IS THIS FOR REAL?—Non-traditional student Jeff Hoover in Dr. Patrick Wynn's basic physiology and anatomy class. Photo by JoAnn Bortner.

Obscene car stickers become legislative issue

BRET BAILEY
Staff Writer

Legislators have recently raised the issue of banning "obscene" bumper stickers. As a result, many people are wondering how obscenity should be defined and whether such legislation should be allowed.

A bumper sticker, like a T-shirt or billboard, tends to get various responses from the populous. What one person might find distasteful, another might find humorous, and this is where the problem starts. There are also problems as to how bumper stickers can be regulated to keep them within good taste.

USA Today recently had two guest columnists express their views on the matter. Regulation of bumper stickers could become law in some states.

Steve Marmel, a free-lance writer, thought that if anyone believes a bumper sticker is obscene, they should not buy it or look at it. Marmel also said there are some broad terms to overcome if legislation is to be made.

..... they're just words.

They're as dangerous and powerful as you allow them to be," he said.

Marmel also said that "obscene" and "obnoxious" are very subjective terms.

Tottie Ellis, vice president of the Eagle Forum, said morals should be taken into consideration, especially when the eyes and thoughts of a child can easily focus in on a bumper sticker while near a car. Ellis said bumper stickers should pertain to certain values, such as a tourist attraction or political support for a candidate rather than sexual gestures and the "four-letter" word.

"Time was when these eye-catching streamers expressed a political viewpoint or announced a tourist attraction," she said. "Now they inform you of everything about the car owner, from his spirituality to his sex life."

She also worried about the sake of children.

"You get trapped in traffic behind cars that have them—you can't escape. There are children in the car—they can't escape. They practice reading them. It's awful," Ellis said.

Fred Lamer, chairman of the Department of Mass Communications, thinks the bumper sticker issue is a trend comparable to popular music and television. Lamer noted television shows such as "Dynasty" and "Dallas," which have a bulk of sex scenes, would have been considered dreadful more than 10 years ago. Now they are widely accepted as part of the show.

Lamer said this also holds true with MTV, the lyrics as well as the videos. He said bumper stickers with sexual gestures and four-letter words are a growing trend with greater tolerance from society.

Lamer said there is no way anyone can prevent bumper stickers from being obscene. There is no "black and white" in this matter. He said there is a need for standards of what is in good taste and what is obscene. It is up to the people to determine which bumper stickers are good or bad. Laws would not carry out this purpose.

Ellis said the problem of obscene bumper stickers is so bad that it should be put under legislation. It is a matter of time



Bumperstickers have been a hot topic of debate. Some people think standards should be set to eliminate "obscene" stickers. Photo by Debra Gillespie.

before citizens will be in an outcry in hopes of eliminating them.

"People cannot bear endless obscenities," she said. "There are words that should not be acceptable for everyday use."

Marmel sees legislation as a no hope situation.

"The logistics of enforcement far outweigh the problem, he said. "Are drivers supposed to know every little law in every lit-

tle principality in the United States?"

If some bumper stickers were to be outlawed, how would the offenders be prosecuted, he asked. And would such a law violate the First Amendment?

"I've no desire to put one of these bumper stickers on my car," Marmel said. "But it's my car, and if I choose to be obnox-

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News Shorts

Congress votes to reject raise

WASHINGTON—Congress voted strongly against a 51 percent pay raise just a few hours before it would have automatically gone into effect.

A 94-6 Senate vote and a 340-48 House vote rejected raises which would have been given to 2,500 government officials.

Bill proposed to increase food gifts

JEFFERSON CITY—Missouri Sen. Pat Danner is sponsoring a bill this session that could greatly increase food contributions to the needy without requiring state funding. Danner's bill would exempt from liability any restaurant donating food to those in need.

There are hundreds of commercial food establishments in Missouri that are only too willing to give food to those now going hungry," Danner said. "but they are afraid that if by some slim chance a person became ill from their contribution they could be sued."

State treasurer visits campus

MARYVILLE—Missouri State Treasurer Wendell Bailey was a visiting professor at Northwest Feb. 1.

While at Northwest, Bailey had lunch with President Dean Hubbard; Dr. George English, interim vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Ron DeYoung, dean of the college of business, government and computer science; and several faculty members.

Bailey, a veteran of eight years in the Missouri House of Representatives, lectured three successive class periods. He shared his experience and philosophies with students enrolled in American government, financial institutions, tax accounting and real estate.

Smith, Jackson chosen to teach workshops

MARYVILLE—Dr. David Smith, chairman of the Northwest Department of Biology, and Dr. Peter Jackson, chairman of the Department of Technology, have been selected to conduct two 90-minute workshops at the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools annual meeting in Chicago, April 2 to 4.

The workshops will concentrate on the processes involved in organizing and writing a self-study report.

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Safer sex

Smart couples take precautions

MICHELLE CAMPBELL
Special to the Missourian

It's Valentine's Day. Many people are planning to spend a special evening with their sweetheart. Flowers, candles and soft music are ready. But is something being forgotten? Are birth control, safe sex and responsibility on their minds?

"One of the funniest things about sex is that it's easier to do it than talk about it," Mary Strong, nurse coordinator for the Student Health Service, said.

Strong is helping to break the silence barrier between college students and safe sex. She has devised a sexually transmitted disease prevention program entitled How To Be a Better Lover.

Strong's program is not a typical venereal disease lecture. She explains possible signs, symptoms and treatments of STD infections, as well as different birth control methods. She further stresses the importance of communication between partners and helps students

learn to talk to their lovers.

Video clips, lectures and handouts are different methods Strong uses in the program. Students are also awarded



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"Now I'm a Better Lover!" and "Condom Literacy" certificates at the end of the program.

Strong has been a speaker at various health classes for both high school and college students.

"The problem is that I usually only have 50 minutes to discuss all the different STD symptoms and treatments," Strong said.

Another problem in discussing STDs, especially AIDS, is the denial statements: "It can't ever happen to me" or "Only gay people get it."

"What I usually tell them is if

they have had sexual intercourse with anyone during the last six months or a year without using a condom, then they are at risk for AIDS or other STDs," Strong said.

Another tactic Strong uses is to address each student's individual needs.

"I talk about abstinence for those who choose not to have sex, and I talk about birth control for those who do," Strong said.

Another area Strong emphasizes is separating sexual myths from sexual facts. For example, one myth is that the birth control pill protects individual from all STDs. Birth control does not protect anyone from any STDs; it prevents pregnancy. Even then it is not 100 percent effective.

One of Strong's goals in teaching these programs is to help educate and inform students. This goal is met even if only one student from a group is made wiser about birth control, STDs and safe sex.

Senate appoints new officers

JAMIE ROOP
Student Senate President

Freshman elections were held Tuesday for the vacant freshman representative position. The new freshman representative is Jill Hurt.

Other new senators received their positions either by acclamation or appointment. These include Jeff Martin, senior representative; Rusty Richardson, senior representative; Juan Rangel, junior representative;

Tim Beach, graduate representative; Nicole Rowlette, off-campus representative; Cari Prewitt, off-campus representative; Pete Bales, off-campus representative; and Garrick Baxter, secretary.

Student Senate currently has vacancies for an off-campus representative and a graduate representative. If anyone is interested, they should contact the Student Senate office located on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Student Senate has created a committee to put together a pamphlet which will explain the structure and purpose of the organization and its committees.

The Student Senate legislative reception is scheduled for Monday, March 6. If anyone is interested in going, contact the student affairs committee at the Student Senate office.

Student Senate meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Northwest Room on the third floor of the Student Union.



TRAVELING DANGEROUS GROUND—An accident occurred at Route Z and Munn Street Tuesday morning. The intersection is one of the most dangerous and students often travel it. Photo by JoAnn Bortner.

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10:00 p.m. The Squeeze
with Michael Keaton

9:00 p.m. Sports Illustrated:
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OUR VIEW

Apathetic campus

No interest shown in elections

A lack of interest. That's how one dictionary defines apathy. What an appropriate term for a campus that just doesn't care about the way it's student government is run.

In the recent Student Senate "elections," there was one category that had one person running. Tough competition. That's not to say this person is competent or incompetent; what it does say is that it doesn't really matter what skills and knowledge this person can give to the students because the "decision" has already been made—the position has been filled.

What's even worse is that, of roughly 5,000 students currently attending Northwest, only an approximate 40 bothered to get out and vote. That's not even one percent. It's a sad day when the student body, who the Senate is designed to represent, cares so little about how they are represented.

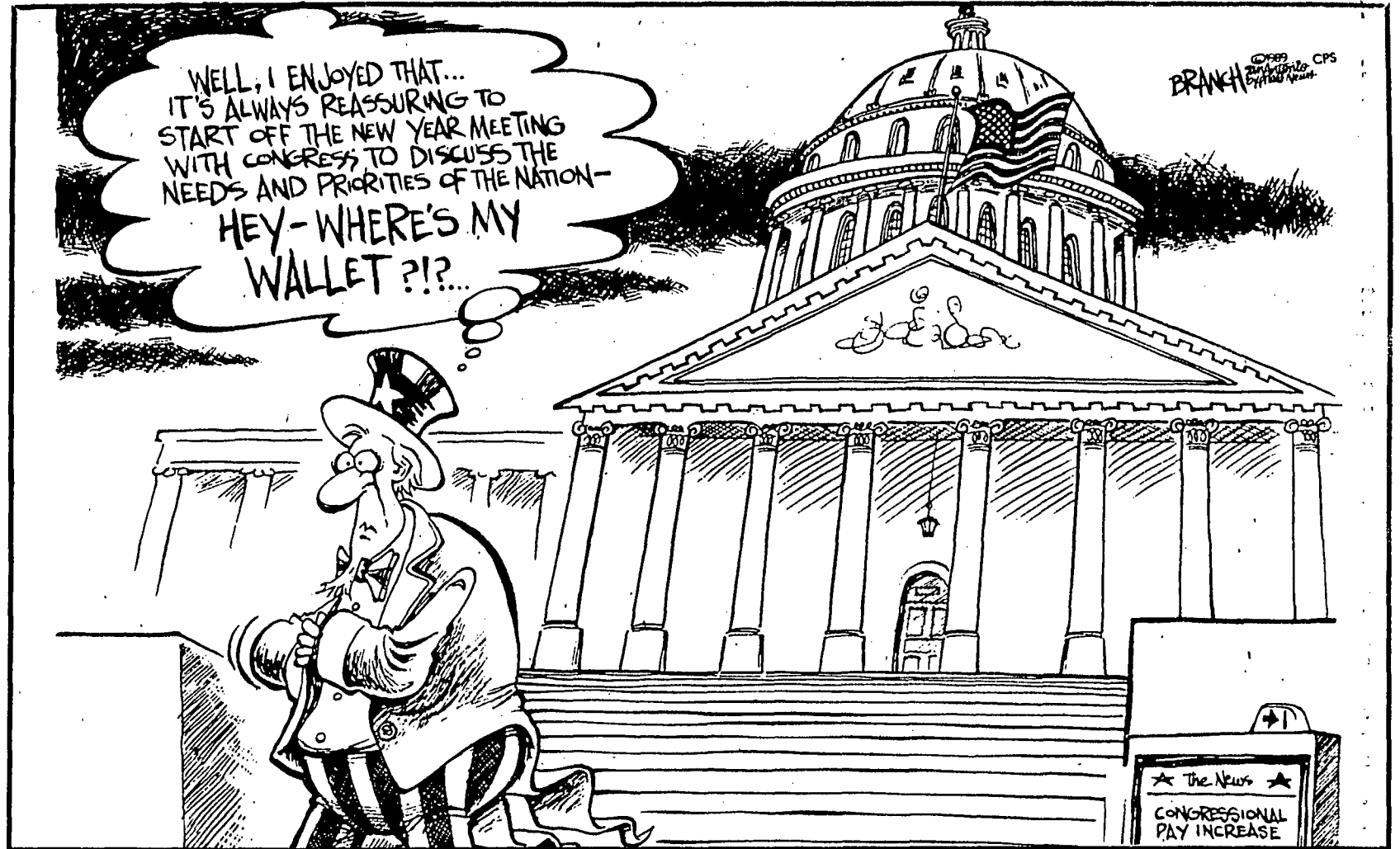
According to the proposed statement of mission set forth by Student Senate, "the Northwest Missouri State University Student Government Association, known as Student Senate, is responsible for the representation and governance of Northwest's student body." Why bother? When that student body doesn't care enough to help decide how they want to be represented, is it fair of that same group to expect members of the Senate to use their time and efforts to act as a liaison between us and the administration?

One thing students must realize is that if anything is to be done at all to promote and preserve the rights of the students, the members of Student Senate are going to need our support and help. We can't expect these people to put their all into maintaining student rights without letting them know we care. We need to show a little more concern than the occasional complaint or bad-mouthing that is said when things don't go our way. What about when they do?

Student Senate has been around for a long time, and sometimes people may forget what all they have done for the students.

For one thing, in order for a new organization to be recognized by the university, they must first gain approval by Student Senate. Think of all the new organizations that have been founded in the past five years. Had it not been for Student Senate these groups would not exist.

Next time you have a gripe about something Student Senate didn't do for you, why not stop and think about what they did. And if you're still not satisfied, exercise your right to vote for who you'd like to be in the governing body that is going to represent you.



Political trends Changes, scandals expected to continue

DR. ROBERT DEWHIRST
Special to the *Missourian*

A *Missourian* editor's request of me for a brief column predicting the nature of politics, issues and public affairs through the next decade produced a surprisingly pessimistic statement. Regrettably, it appears that throughout much of what follows the negative outweighs the positive. I want to point out that I am not predicting anything here; only fools, bookies or economists regularly attempt to predict events involving human behavior.

Instead, I will identify what I believe to be three prominent trends in public affairs which I think will continue dominating politics and issues through the end of this century.

The three trends—ethical failures, a mad dash toward technology, and anti-intellectualism—certainly are not unique to this period of American history. However, they appear to be intertwined and to represent a potentially volatile array of problems the seriousness of

which perhaps has not been experienced previously in this country.

Significant ethical issues raised recently in the private sector, exemplified by such events as scandals on Wall Street or within the Chicago Commodities Exchange, have spilled over into the public sector. The burgeoning scandal involving weapons systems producers, private consultants, senior military officers, and civilian leaders in the Pentagon will raise significant ethical and legal issues for years to come.

Preliminary information suggests that malfeasance likely is widespread and has occurred over a long period. Some insiders have already stated that the entire weapons procurement system encourages corruption and that it may be impossible to design a new system that rewards ethical behavior. There simply is so much money flowing through the system that greedy people—both within and without government—will continue to find ways to circumvent the rules.

Elsewhere, President George

Bush, in his first week in office, sought to avoid some of the ethical shortfalls which so characterized the Reagan administration. Bush gave each of the incoming senior officials a lengthy briefing on the ethical obligations of those in public service. However, Bush does this a scant three months following his campaign for the presidency which likely was the most negative and distorting in recent presidential history. Bush's campaign probably will establish the guidelines for subsequent runs for the presidency—attack early and remain negative until you have built an insurmountable lead. Unfortunately, Bush's campaign merely followed a trend begun years earlier in statewide races around the country. Negative politics likely are here to stay—such practices have won more races than they have lost.

Ethical questions also are likely to continue their stressful existence within a second major area of concern here—rapid technological developments. For decades now those in the public sector have tried either to ad-

minister or legislate programs involving increasingly complex technological issues. It is likely our children will become familiar with ecological issues surrounding threats to the O-zone layer or possible cancers caused by water containing herbicides or pesticides. The increased seriousness and frequency of such issues presents a somber view of the future indeed.

It is pathetic that this century began with such events as the Progressive movement, followed by the writings of such intellectuals as Walter Lippmann, and is ending with such tinker-toy concepts as the public choice movement or the writings of columnists like William Buckley or George Will.

Americans entered the twentieth century on an intellectual ascendancy in public affairs, but appear to be ending this period adrift.

We eagerly collect more and more toys of technology but appear to be less and less able to deal with them, either intellectually or ethically.

Our Hero ponders the question of hats

Why don't people wear hats? I remember when I was a young lad and it seemed that people always had on a hat. Some hats had ear flaps while others looked like a fruit salad. When your mother went to church she always put on her Sunday bonnet and your father had his red felt hat with the feather stuck in the band and maybe a left-over fish hook or two beside it. Why doesn't our generation carry on the tradition?

Are people too proud or conceited to put on something that covers their sculptured hair? Or maybe it is the idea of wearing a fashion statement that will label them as whatever the hat is.

The visor—this represents a variety of jobs that include life-guarding, card shark,

McDonald's employee, post-office clerk, bank teller or tennis player. They usually come in a consortium of colors with some of them including that extra



heavy duty sweat-band for those really hot heads. The ones that I really can't stand are those visors that have that those see-through plastic bills. I mean, come on, get a real hat. One that has a covering so your hair doesn't stick out in a big bunch like a patch of rug that a dog tore up.

The stocking cap—people that

wear these could be a cross-country skier, mountain climber, professional Canadian-beer drinker, hockey player, one of Santa's elves or someone's four-year-old kid. People that wear a stocking cap sometimes put them on so that the brim is just on the crown of their head and the remaining three-fourths of it just dangles there like a deflated whoopy-cushion. Every time they turn their heads the big ball of yarn threatens to clean the glasses of the person standing behind them.

Then there are the universal baseball caps—the main profession is, of course, baseball players, then there is the Domino delivery drivers, army guys, tourists and of course the truck drivers. Some interesting slogans can be found on these caps, like, "Smile if you are not wear-

ing underwear," or "Old Fart's Wife." The trouble with the people who enjoy this type of humor is they have a tendency to don a cowboy hat now and then.

Bikers have their own version of the baseball cap. It's smaller and sticks on the head better, but the bill is already smashed against their head so you don't know if they have crashed. Also, the brand of bike that is labeled on their hats never seem to match the bike they ride. Why? Is it because they could only afford the hat of the more expensive brands?

If the hats that people do wear depict them as stereotypes then maybe that is why people are avoiding hats these days. Perhaps if people would wear a different hat everyday then it might avoid the dreaded social casting.

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Letters

Club angered by steroid article

Dear Editor,

As president of the Northwest Weight Club, I am angry about the article "Weight Club Works to Deter Steroid Use," which appeared in last week's *Missourian*. I am angry that the *Missourian* would publish a news story of pure fiction, a story about a villainous weight club steroid ring, the ardent administration bent on closing it, and a hero president sworn to "scare the dealers away."

I would have been less surprised to see this story in the *Enquirer*, but no less angry. I testify that I was never interviewed for the story, nor notified about its publishing.

Secondly, no allegations have been made by the administration that the Northwest Weight Club is a source of steroids on campus, nor have they threatened to close us down.

Finally, we have never had a problem with steroids in our weight club. This semester we proclaimed ourselves a "non-steroid club" simply because steroids are an illegal and dangerous substance and clubs throughout the country are enacting the same policy.

The Northwest Weight Club provides the most extensive and highest quality weightlifting facility on campus to over 140 students and varsity athletes. I challenge the staff of the *Missourian* and anyone unfamiliar with the weight club to come and see if it is really the "eyesore" the writer claimed. It is unfair that any of our members' reputations may have suffered due to this fabrication your newspaper deemed as "Special to the *Missourian*."

I think your newspaper owes the members of The Northwest Weight Club and myself an apology.

Sincerely,
Jean Jones
President
Northwest Weight Club

Editor's Note: The *Northwest Missourian* would like to take this opportunity to extend its apologies to the persons named in the article to which Jean Jones refers. The writer of the story is not a member of the *Missourian* staff and the story was produced for a class project and was not meant for publication. The members of the editorial board erred in leaving the facts unchecked. We regret any bad feelings this article may have caused.

Olympic hopefuls

Kip Kittens train young gymnasts

KELLIE WATT
Managing Editor

Many children dream of someday going to the Olympics and long to be like their favorite athlete. For many it is just a dream, but for some Maryville children, that dream may become a reality.

Maryville Kip Kittens, Inc. is a non-profit corporation that offers a chance to make dreams of young gymnasts at heart come true. It is a program that is specially designed for organized gymnastic instruction. The organization is run by the children's parents and is made up of an executive board, board members and coaches.

The gymnastics program for children promotes strength, flexibility, balance, endurance, kinesthetics, agility, self-discipline, coordination, courage, self-confidence and perseverance.

"The program is devised to get kids involved with something outside of school," Jeanette Combs, coordinator of Kip Kittens said.

Each meeting begins with a 15 minute warm-up. Then, the participants rotate every 12 minutes to the balance beam, vault, floor exercise, uneven bars and the trampoline. The lesson ends with a 15 minute cool down.

"We go through the basics and then work our way up," Combs said.

There are four groups that are involved in the program. The three and four year-olds meet on Sundays at 5:30-6:30 p.m. There are four groups for 5-13 years-old and they meet at the following times; Sundays at 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesday at 6-7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9-10:30 a.m. and 11-12:30 p.m.

In addition, there is also a two-timers group. The age now ranges between 7 and 12 years old. They tumble at a higher degree of difficulty as opposed to the other classes offered. The participants are involved with more advanced gymnastics like round-off back hand springs series, aerial cartwheels, back walkovers and cartwheels on the balance beam. Although the class is considered advanced and at a higher level, the gymnasts do not overstep their present abilities by doing such stunts like round-off double backs and round-off back twists. Combs explained that these stunts were too dangerous because they do

not have the right equipment to justify proper spotting techniques. She also said that over all gymnastics is not dangerous to the participants.

"Every sport is dangerous. But we have educated coaches. They know how to spot correctly," Combs said. "We are not really doing extensive gymnastics. The kids are not advanced enough. The higher degree of difficulty isn't there, which diminishes the degree of danger. However, there is always some degree of difficulty."

"There are 30 kids in each ses-

like to see more parent involvement," Combs said. "I think parents need to be involved in their children's extra-curricular activities. It let's the kids know that their parents care and support them."

"My parents were my prime motivators when I was younger," Combs said. "They were so involved in my life and they kept me going. They were really supportive. I think that's important."

In addition, Combs said she is getting a lot out of the program in return. "I intend to open up my own gymnastic center. Being

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sion and there is a waiting list of over 100. According to Combs, there have been no discussions on expanding the program.

There are 10 coaches involved in the program. Usually, each coach will have four or five kids to teach unless they double up. The coaching staff is an important factor in the program and the individuals involved must have background gymnastic experience. To become a coach, one must fill out an application and submit it to Sandy Degase, president of Kip Kittens. From there, the individual goes through an interview and participates in a physical try-out to show gymnastic ability.

"It's not very intense," Combs said. "It is actually pretty relaxed. You just go out and show what you can do."

As coordinator, Combs hopes the coaches gain something from the program as well as the participants.

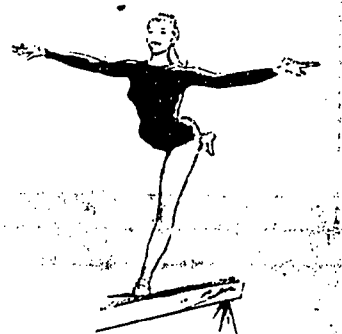
"They teach, but they learn from the experience also," Combs said. "They have to learn to be dependable and tolerable. They have to be able to interact with others. It is a team effort. Coaches have to help each other out."

Combs designed the workouts in programs specially fit to the kids and their abilities. However, she thinks there could be some changes.

"If I could change one thing, I'd

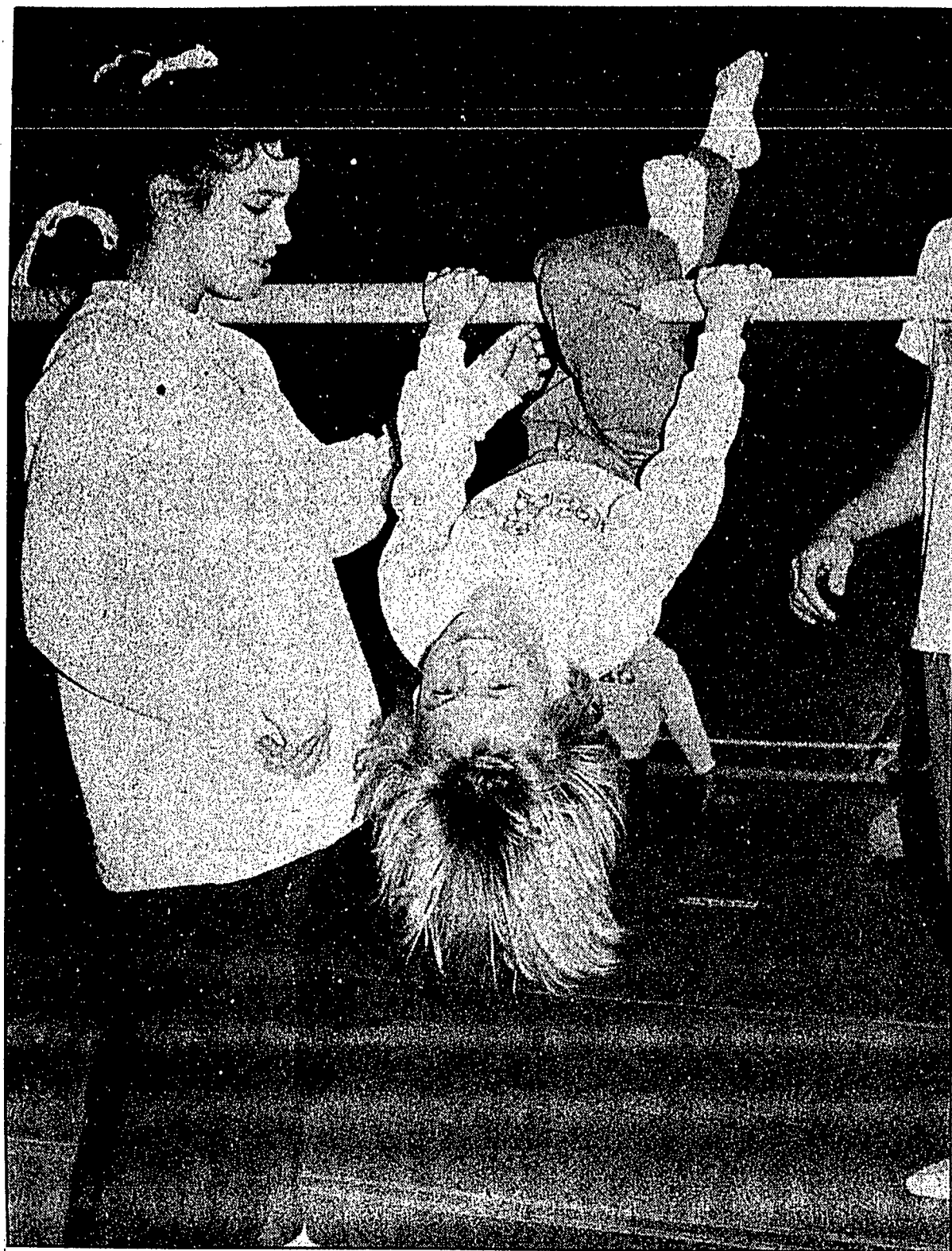
coordinator, I am getting a lot of hands-on experience," Combs said. "I'm learning first hand, what's going on and I am learning how to use my management skills. I'm learning to work well with others and have a good time, but I'm also being firm."

Dedication and practice is an important key in gymnastics. Combs said an individual can do it and not have feelings for it, but it will show in the performance.



To receive all benefiting factors using the talent to full potential, one must like gymnastics to succeed in them.

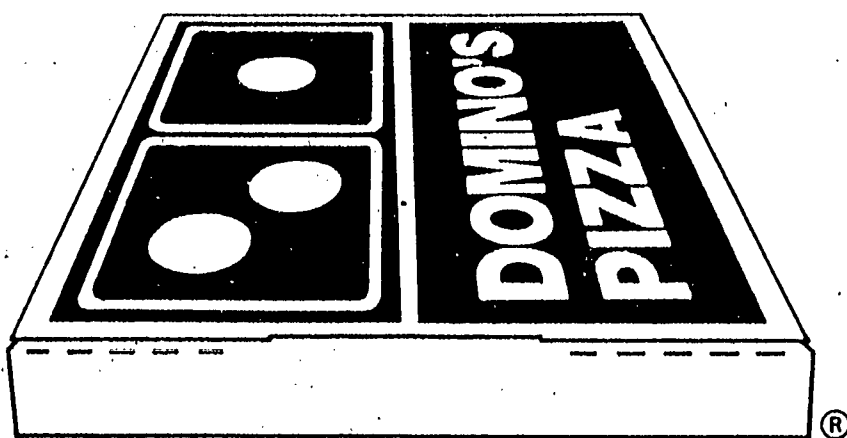
"I would like for the kids to go on in their gymnastics career, but there is no place for them to do that," Combs said. "I hope what the kids accomplish in the program is to obtain the ability to work well with others and to have the ability to have fun in extra-curricular activities."



Gymnastics coach Kia Habisreiter helps Kristi Allen learn a routine on the uneven bars. Members of the

Kip Kittens also practice trampoline, vault, balance beam and floor exercises. Photo by Jo Ann Bortner.

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Everyone does not enjoy the holiday for lovers

CONNIE FERGUSON
Sports Editor

TIM TODD
Staff Writer

As I sit here alone on Valentines day eating a box of chocolates that my mother sent to me to try to soothe the wounds of another lonely holiday, I am reminded that some people actually enjoy the day that has become my living hell.

Why do people like spending money on such worthless gifts of affection as flowers and chocolates? I mean really, flowers die, and chocolates just add to those ever-increasing love handles. Love henceforth will be known as the l-word only (I can't handle having to deal with actually saying that King-of-the-four-letter-

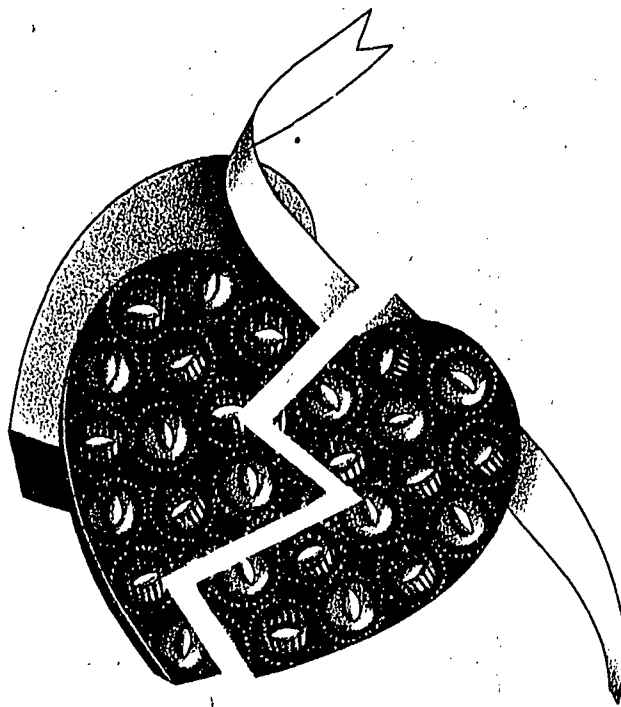
words).

Who would want to have a dozen roses? All they do is sit there until they die and then you just have a mess on your hands.

And those stupid, mushy cards that you see everywhere, can someone really send one of these with a straight face? Hallmark makes a mint off dudes who are afraid of the guilt trip their girlfriends are going to give them if they don't get cards.

How about those ridiculous ballads that seem to pollute the airwaves as they travel to my radio? Who really wants to hear about how much two people are in the l-word with each other? Give me Sam Kinison's "Wild Thing" any day.

Why is it that there is a special day needed for people who are in l-word? Is it just to rub it into



the faces of those of us who are alone? To show us that another year has passed and we still haven't made any progress towards finding someone? The whole concept is so bizarre.

How about if there was a day for us lonely folk among the population? We could call it "I'm Alone And I Don't Care Day!" We could send cards to other single people, make fun of our friends who think that they have discovered l-word. Maybe even nuke the local flower shop. The possibilities here are just endless and not one of them involves anything near affection.

I have a friend who claims he is in the l-word. This guy really annoys me. He seems to think that everyone should share in his happy romance and that we should all be as happy as he is.

I've got news for that bozo, his life will be shattered soon. Eventually she will find some other hapless shmuck who will be more than willing to blow his cash on her the way my friend is now.

Being college students we always complain of a cash shortage, so why waste a good chunk of Dad's income on a stupid gift when that money could be more wisely spent downtown on a Thursday night. At least then there would be something to try to remember the next morning.

I hope that those of you who think you are in the l-word have a happy Valentines Day. No, really, I do! But as you are enjoying it just think, next year you could be sitting here just like me, trying to pick out all the coconuts in mom's box of chocolates.

CAPS brings two comics to campus

DANA MCFALL
Staff Writer

Got the boring Sunday night blues? Do you need a good laugh? Well, what other than the Caps "Laughing Wurst Comedy Club" could cure those blues? Absolutely nothing!

The comedy club, presented by the Campus Activity Programmers, is held every other Sunday night at 8 p.m.. The club held its premiere last Sunday. The show had a pretty good turnout, with approximately 40-45 people attending.

One Northwest student said that the show was really good. "The Comedy Club had better comedians than I thought they would and I would definitely recommend more people going to see it," he said.

Every other Sunday night the program will include two comedians that will perform for approximately 75 to 90 minutes. At the first performance, Jay Vermetti and John Schnauder were the star comedians.

CAPS President Todd Barnhart is responsible for getting the talent acts to perform at the comedy club. He gets the names of the comedians from Ken Muehler, who works for ABC Comedy Productions Agency. "Comedians from all over the country are tied in with the agency," Barnhart said.

Vermetti is from Kansas City and Schnauder is from New Orleans. Vermetti's performance lasted approximately 50 minutes, cracking jokes ranging from

sports to television commercials. He also talked about drunk driving, his father's road trips, wearing things that your mother tells you to and how DELTA airlines stood for Don't Leave The Airport.

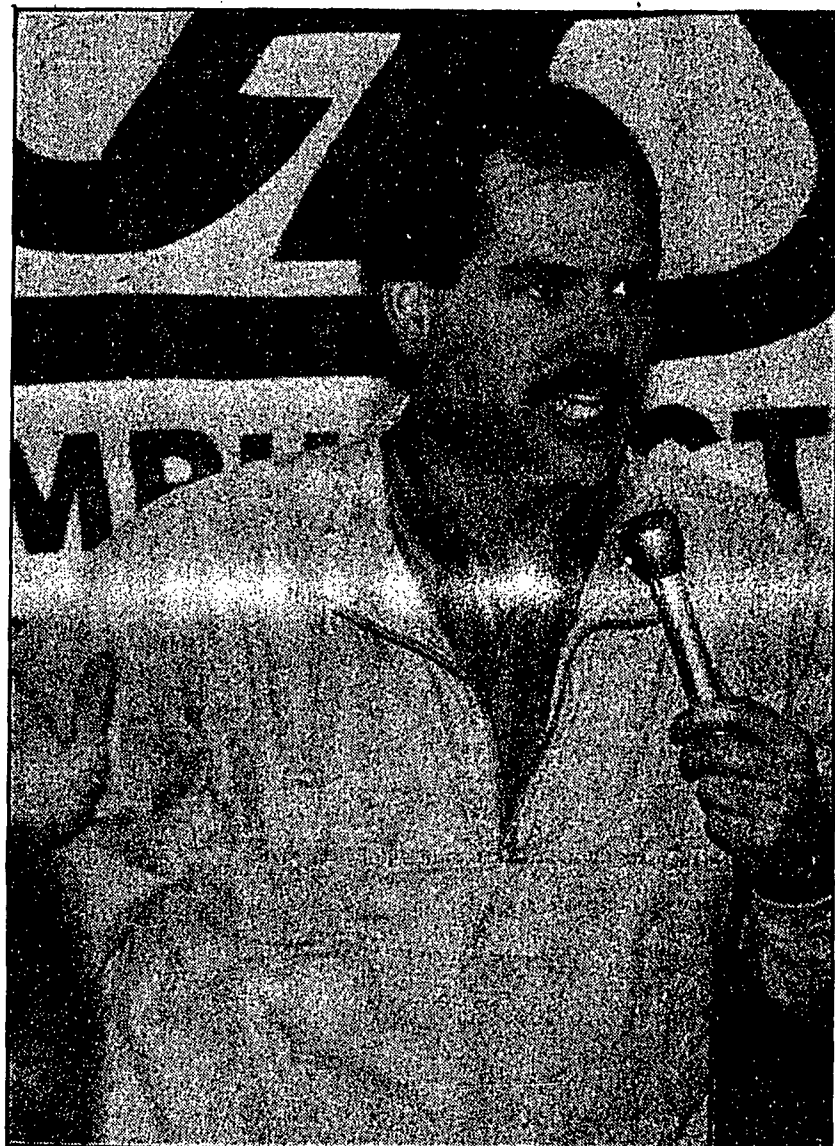
Next was Schnauder, whose performance lasted close to 30 minutes. Schnauder is known as the oldest new comic in the circuit. He had a slightly Cajun and Southern accent that he used to enhance his performance. Schnauder complained about the 55 speed limit and how as a traveling comedian he sometimes had trouble in knowing when to go 65 and when not to.

He suggested ways to make the roads more interesting like putting up "pop-up" pedestrians, obstacle courses on the side of the lanes, sporadic snipers along the highways and ramps instead of small bridges.

Schnauder was the headline act. He started in the acting business when he was in the service at 20 years of age. Since then he has been in comedy movies such as "Hard Time," "This Property's Condemned," starring Natalie Wood and Robert Redford and "Millers Crossing," which is currently being produced in New Orleans.

He's also been in television commercials for products such as Miller Lite. In 1985, he was awarded the title "Funniest Person In America" by Showtime.

If you suddenly get the Sunday night blues come over to the Dugout in the Union for a good laugh.



Jay Vermetti serves as the premiere act at the 'Laughing Wurst Comedy Club.' Photo by Tom Ricker.

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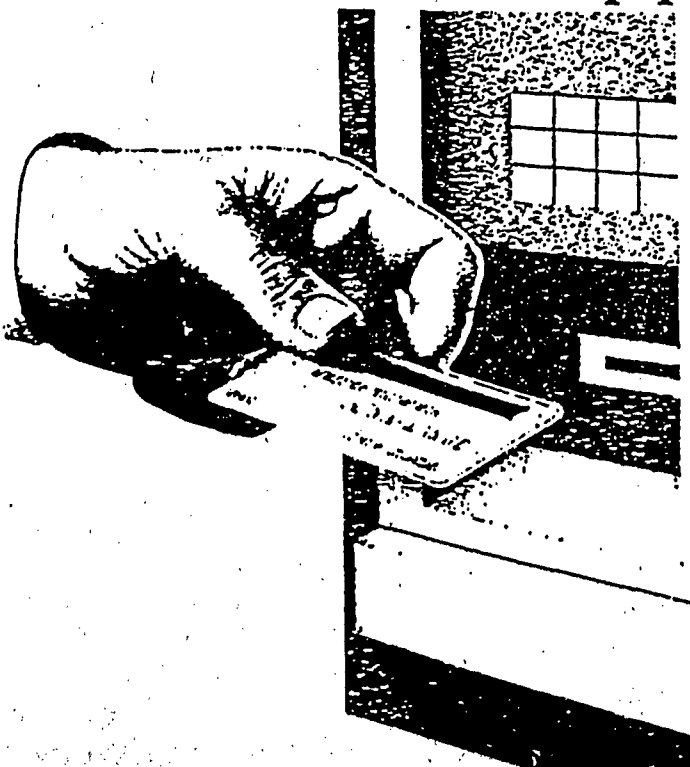
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Lifelong ambition is finally fulfilled

JO ANN BORTNER
Staff Writer

"Are you here just for the fun of it?" she asked. I couldn't believe my ears! It was just past 10 p.m. and I had attended a full day of classes, prepared dinner for my family, and returned to work in the darkroom of the campus newspaper. I was dog tired.

Perhaps I was hallucinating. No. She was not an apparition and she was waiting for an answer. She had put into words one of the many fears I faced when I became a full-time college student. Would I be taken seriously by the instructors and the other students? Or would they think I was a bored housewife with nothing better to do?

Twenty years since high school graduation had given me ample time to build up fears about returning to academic life. Doubts regarding my academic ability was the greatest of these fears. Acceptance became secondary. Fortunately, one semester was enough time to prove to the instructors that I was serious and to myself that

my brain was still functioning.

She was still waiting for an answer. Should I bore her with details of a lifelong ambition that had been smothered by a father who saw a "traditional" role for women, and then delayed by the demands of raising a family? Or should I fall into what my children call "the lecture mode" and tell her about life's harsh realities? Many families need two incomes to survive. Single-parent households are on the increase. A college education is like money in the bank. The desire to learn and grow should never end.

Better not tell her these things. She has probably heard it all before. She waited patiently for an answer. My thoughts turned from the relentless and conflicting demands of campus and home life, to the immense satisfaction of nearing my goal; to the support my husband and children were giving me; and to the opportunities afforded by a college education.

I looked at her and answered, "Yes."

Club helps non-traditional students

KELLEY HOWE
Staff Writer

Although there are numerous student organizations on campus, none have been designed for non-traditional students. It was this year that any interest in having a non-traditional student group was expressed by its would-be members.

A non-traditional student is a person who did not go directly into college after high school. It is this person that has decided to take the initiative and go back to the rigors of college living.

This is the first year that a specific class was set up for non-traditional students. Operating on much the same basis as a Freshman Seminar class, it offered aid and advisement in classes as well as adjusting to college life at this point in their lives. The class proved to be beneficial to these students. The average GPA was a 3.0 and not one person dropped a class.

It was through this class that the students decided they would like to have an established organization, complete with constitution and by-laws, that would benefit both non-traditional students and the rest of the university. At the present moment the group is in a bricklaying stage.

They have hoping to get as many students as they can, involved in their foundation activi-

ties. So far they have had one meeting at which approximately 50 people showed up. The main goal for the founding and establishment stage is to let non-traditional students know that this organization is not just for the divorcee with two children to support. It is for anyone who fits the definition of a non-traditional student and then some.

A major objective of the group is to be given a specific room on campus where they can meet for activities, to socialize or just to study. They have also discussed the possibility of having a guest

speaker come in and speak to the group on whatever subject they might like to learn about.

Although nothing has been established yet, the group is already participating in activities to better the quality of campus life, especially that area of life concerning the non-traditional student.

Because these students have come back to school after a break in their academic lives, they would like to see a more positive outlook from other non-traditional students as well as the rest of the campus. They also

want the campus to be aware that the faculty of Northwest is only a support mechanism and the students are the people heading up this organization.

If you are a non-traditional student and have an interest in becoming a part of this group you should feel free to contact either Jeff Hoover 562-2752, or Brenda Wendler 562-2155, co-chairs of the steering committee. They would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have.

•ENROLLMENT

discouraged a few students from applying to Northwest.

"We're 20 percent ahead in applications and we're 19 percent ahead in acceptances over last year," Montague said. "That's pretty good."

Approximately 1,400 to 1,600 college freshmen are expected to attend Northwest this fall. Housing could present a problem early in the semester, but Tower Hall is slated to be open to absorb the population increase.

"I think we'll be at capacity level," Montague said.

Montague credits much of

Northwest's population upsurge to better marketing of the University's programs.

"Basically, it's the environment and culture of the institution that is our best feature," he said. "We are perceived as a caring institution by perspective students."

Another feature which attracts some students is the Electronic Campus.

Montague said the admissions staff deserves much attention for the good job they do to recruit new students.

"They're well trained, and they care deeply about the institu-

tion," Montague said. "We have been called, on numerous occasions, the best admissions staff in the state of Missouri."

Montague said students have expressed no unusual concerns when they take tours around campus, but many are interested in the University's financial aid program.

Northwest had its largest freshman class in history last fall, with 1,405 students attending. The figure broke the all-time first-time freshman enrollment achieved in 1970.

•STICKER

ious, it's my right."

Currently state and local laws do not prevent an individual from having a bumper sticker that might contain a sexual message or a four-letter word on his car. Despite not having such laws, it has not prevented controversy from reaching the courts.

In 1971, the Supreme Court overturned a conviction in the Cohen vs. California case for wearing a message on a jacket in a Los Angeles courthouse that said "F... the Draft." According to the Court the message was not obscene because it was not "erotic." The Court also explained in its decision that those who saw the jacket "could effectively avoid further bombardment of their sensibilities simply by averting their eyes."

The question remains: Would the same treatment be given in a case involving an offensive

bumper sticker?

Some Northwest students think legislation would be meaningless but that there should be a line drawn between good taste and obscenity.

"People should have the right to express themselves," Mark Stransky, a senior majoring in management, said.

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John McNeil featured at festival

JEFF DAVIS
Staff Writer

John McNeil and his quartet will be the featured attraction during the Nodaway Arts Council Jazz Festival on Saturday, February 11.

McNeil will perform at the end of the Jazz Festival, which will feature 20 high school bands from Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri, who will compete in four classes for awards. The festival will take place in the Charles Johnson Theater from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. when McNeil will play with the Northwest Jazz Ensemble.

At 7 p.m. McNeil and his quartet will take the stage for a concert of their own. McNeil will play trumpet and will be

accompanied by a veteran group of musicians on bass, guitar and drums. Their credits include playing with jazz notables such as Count Basie, George Benson, Wynton and Branford Marsalis. The quartet will feature contemporary jazz-fusion and McNeil will play both trumpet and flugelhorn. The admission for the concert will be \$3 with all participating high school students receiving free admission.

An interesting part of the festival is McNeil will be giving clinics twice during the day to the students on trumpet while the rhythm section will be holding clinics at the same time. McNeil has taught at the Jamey Abersold Jazz Improvisation Camps and is on the

faculty of the New England Conservatory of Music.

McNeil is known as one of the best trumpet players and jazz clinicians in the country, and his records have been reviewed in the music magazine Downbeat. He has recorded seven albums under his own name on Steeplechase Records, appeared on the albums of several jazz artists, and the author of a soon to be published book on the techniques of jazz trumpet.

The appearance of the John McNeil Jazz Quartet is made possible through grants from the Nodaway Arts Council, Missouri Arts Council and the Blessing Music Company. Tickets can be reserved by calling 562-1315 or 1316.

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-Jude

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-Mr. Moo

SUNSHINE,
It has been a wonderful year. I couldn't ask for it to be any better. Happy Anniversary.
-Love, H.B.

BOYFRIEND,
We need to get Raul into counseling. His tactics are crossing unbearable.
-Girlfriend

ALBERTINI,
Taking a break from those novels?
-The Terrible Trio



DIRT,
Just add a little water and you are mud! Happy 19th.

LILY,
Still trying to get into show-business? SKIP any class today?
-HA! HA!

HEY PIG,
The tacos were ahh-some!
-Belch

BONO,
Hope you had a super 19th! Here's to many more years of being disgusting.
-Axl

MOLLY,
Guess what? There was no Advanced News class today!
-M

STOTCKIN,
How are things going with the grundi? Strike three!
-717

JEANETTE, MICHELLE & JUSTIN,
You are the greatest! Thanx for listening to me. Let's party some more soon.
-Luv ya, Kel

TO MY FAVORITE BABE,
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FERK,
How about those strawberries? Happy Valentine's Day.
-Guess who?

MICHAELRITA,
What's a happening hotstuff?

CARRIE,
This is for you. I told you you would get this. Love you.
-Happy V-day, Kevin

ANG,
Hope your Valentine's Day is topped off with lots of whipped cream!
-The workout crew

ZIPPY M.,
Today is our six month anniversary and I'm looking forward to all the rest. I love you.
-Happy Valentine's Day, Spook

FISHERMAN,
It's been awhile since we've talked. Maybe that's my fault, but you know how I feel about being wrong. Take care.
-Missin' ya

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-ITB, EQ and LA

BEERSTEN,
Miss you. And I STILL wish you were here so we could share more spaghetti at your place.
-Just me again

HOBIE,
Have you found a date yet?

Sport Shorts

Bearkitten Janet Clark and Central's Tammy Wilson continue to battle for the MIAA scoring lead. Clark dropped from her average of 21.6 points per game to 20.95 this week while Wilson inched her way up to 20.43 this week.

The Bearcat and Bearkitten track teams placed third and fifth respectively at Saturday's (Feb. 4) Doane Invitation meet in Crete, Neb. Bearcat freshman Ken Onuaguchi became the first Northwest men's track athlete to qualify for NCAA Div. II Nationals with a winning shot put of 53-5½. Bearkitten shotputter Leticia Gilbert qualified for women's indoor nationals last week. Gilbert was the only Bearkitten event winner, throwing the shot put 46 feet even to take that event.

Bearcats triumph over Southwest

BY ALTON LONG
Staff Writer

The Bearcat basketball team traveled to Bolivar to face the Bearcats of Southwest Baptist last Saturday and came home victorious 89-83.

The Northwest victory pushed their record to 14-5 overall, while rising to 6-2 in the MIAA. The Bearcats 6-2 record puts them in a two-way tie with Missouri-St. Louis for second place in the conference race. Southeast still holds the top position in the

MIAA with a perfect 8-0 record.

The Bearcats found themselves in a hard-fought battle as Northwest needed the victory to stay in the conference race. Northwest struggled and found themselves playing catch up for most of the first half. A 12-0 run by Southwest Baptist gave them a 40-34 advantage at the half.

Southwest began to take control of the second half and by the halfway point had built a 12-point lead.

"We were down by eight, 61-53, with seven minutes remaining

and we scored six unanswered points to bring us within two," senior forward Jeff Hutcheon said. "From that point on, we knew we could win the game."

Defense and good free throw shooting down the stretch played a big part in the outcome as the 'Cats went 19-of-23 from the line, with streak of six coming in the game's waning moments.

Louis Jones and Bob Sundell each scored 17 points for the Bearcats, while Marc Baltimore came off the bench to pull down 16 rebounds and score 12 points.

Bo Fitts added 12 points for Northwest.

The Bearcats are currently riding a four-game winning streak.

"We're playing team basketball," Bob Sundell said. "This year's team is closer on and off the court and it really helps us to play better as a whole."

The 'Cats take on league-leading Southeast Missouri State Saturday night in Lamkin Gym.

"It's important that we keep our poise in the upcoming game because the season is riding on it," Louis Jones said.

Bearkittens suffer overtime defeat, 65-62

BY APRIL JACKSON
Staff Writer

The Northwest women's basketball team suffered a heart-breaking 65-62 overtime loss to Southwest Baptist Saturday in Bolivar.

Despite a gutsy comeback in the second half the Bearkittens were unable to hold on in the extra period. Their record drops to 3-5 in the MIAA.

The 'Kittens trailed by a 26-21

margin at the half. In the middle of the second half they were down by as many as nine before becoming deadlocked at 55-55 as time expired in regulation.

"We played a pretty good ball game, we just didn't get the points to fall," Coach Wayne Winstead said. "Although we lost I wasn't unhappy with the way the team played."

Senior Janet Clark led the Bearkittens in scoring with 23 points.

"We were down but I never felt

like we were out of it. I felt as though we were in it all the way," said Clark. "We had a lot of chances, but things just didn't go our way. We have to go out and play every game like we can."

Junior guard Sandy Nelson was the only other Northwest player in double figures finishing with 16 points.

"We probably lost our will to win. With the overtime, everybody was tired, and Southwest wanted it more," said Nelson.

"We weren't hitting very well in the first half but it got better in the second. Lori Schneider got key rebounds and her play inside kept us in the game."

With the post season tournament rapidly approaching the 'Kittens must turn it up a notch if they want to make it.

"Our chances to get in are a lot harder, but we still have a chance. We can't depend on other teams losing we control our own destiny," said Winstead.

'Cats, 'Kittens fall to Central

Despite a 35-point performance by Janet Clark, the 'Kittens fell, 94-65, to conference foe Central Missouri State last night in Warrensburg.

Central was ranked third in the NCAA Div. II and currently lead the MIAA.

Clark scored her 2,000 career point in the second half, raising her career total to 2,014. Clark needs only 21 points to break the MIAA scoring record.

Dominating the boards, Colleen White hauled down 12 rebounds for Northwest.

Meanwhile, the 'Cats fought a physical battle against Cental, coming up short 103-90. There were 62 total fouls and 81 free throw attempts, while three players from each team fouled out.

Louis Jones led Northwest in scoring with 20 points, while Jeff Hutcheon poured in 16. Bob Sundell added 13 points, Benji Burke and Bo Fitts scored 11 points each and Kurtis Downing pumped in 10.



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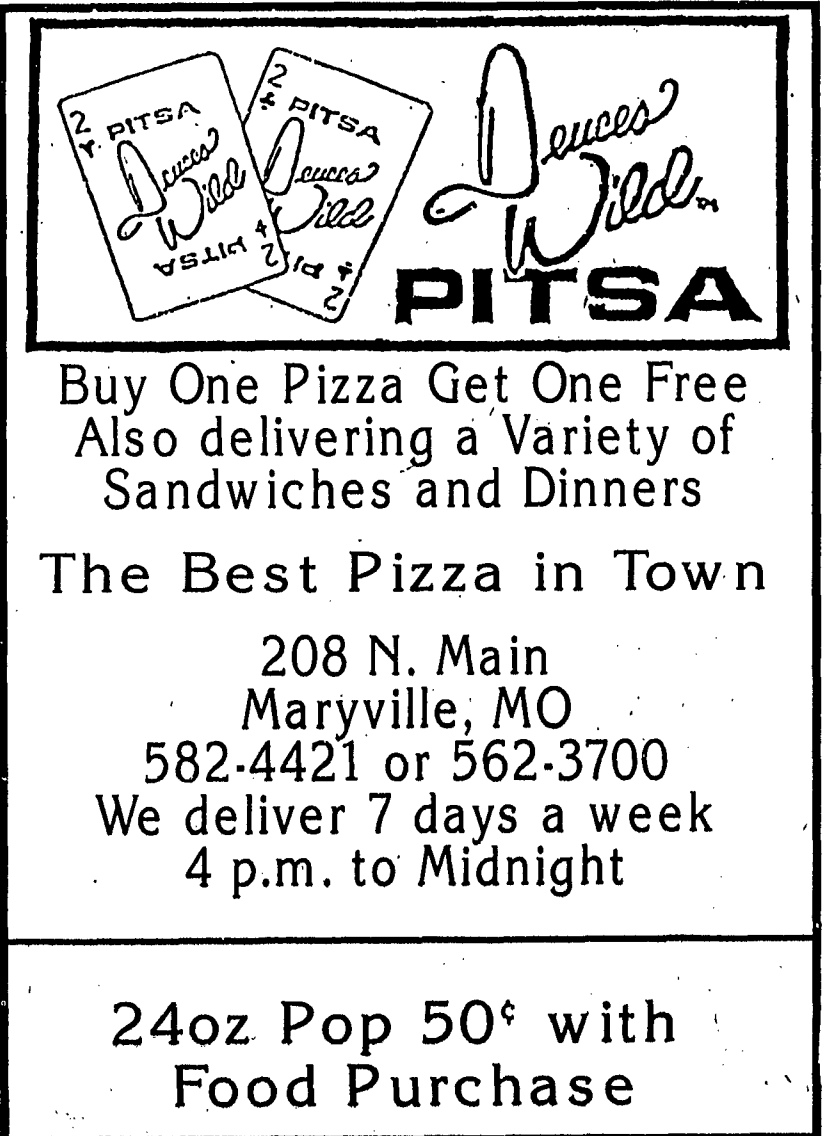


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Bearcats take Bahamas trip for Great Goombay Shootout

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"Delta Flight 345 to the Bahamas now boarding at Gate 21." Meet the Bearcat basketball team; international travelers. Jan. 1-8, the Northwest hoopsters took their first trip to these islands to participate in the Great Goombay Shootout Tournament.

"It was tough to get practice time because all of the facilities were outside except the gym we played in," Bearcat Head Coach Steve Tappemeyer said.

Taking second place in the tournament and placing one man, Louis Jones, on the five-man all-tournament team, the Bearcats represented the University well.

The 'Cats first game was a picture-perfect match that literally wasn't over until the final second.

At the buzzer, a three-point

shot," Jones said. "You're always shooting and you want to make it, but from that far out? I was real surprised."

"That was probably the most memorable part of the trip for me," Tappemeyer said. "The first game and the three-point shot at the buzzer."

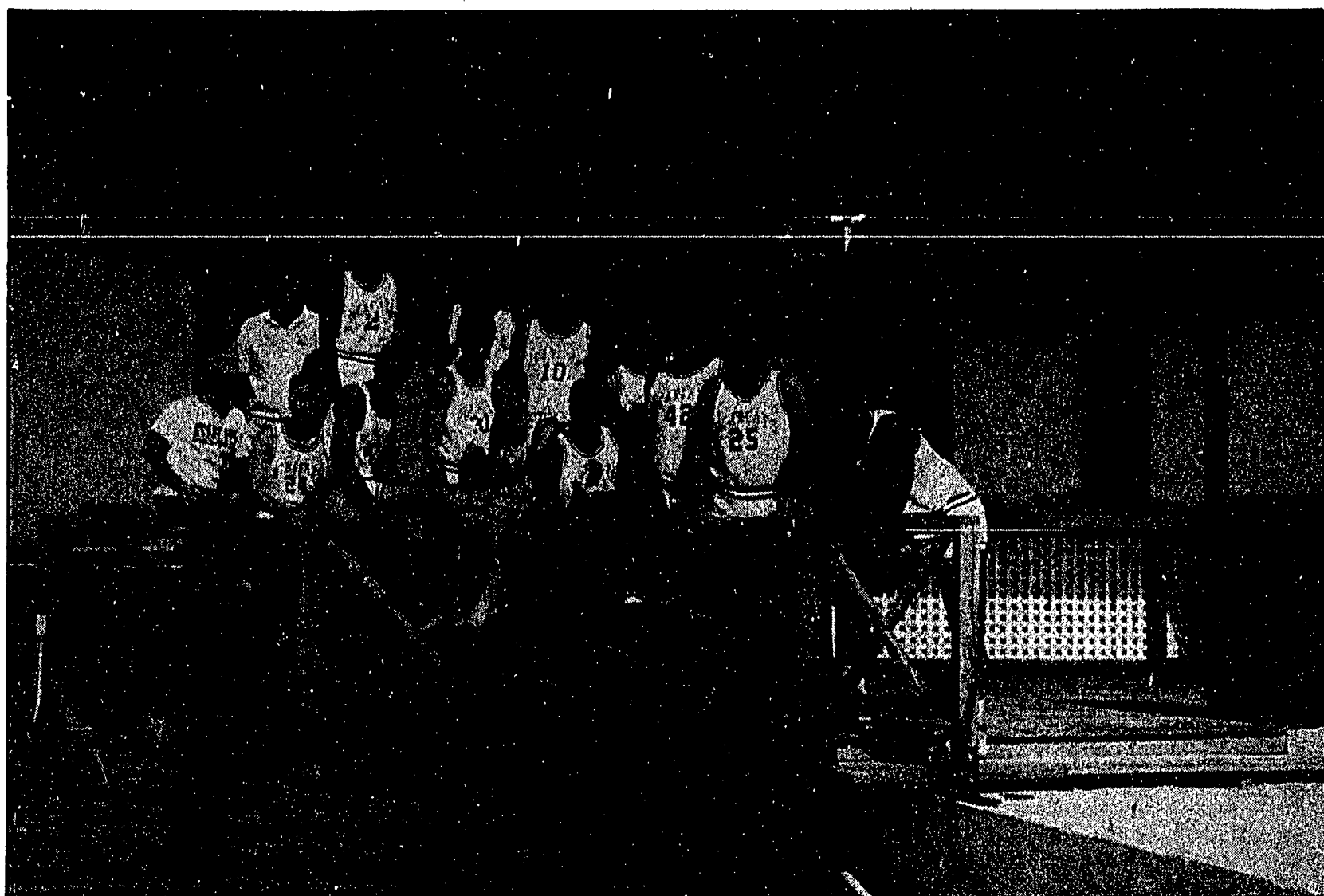
The 'Cats went on to roll past Calvin College in their second game, but the third game brought a tougher level of competition.

The 'Cats ended up losing to the Bahamas National team and finished the tournament in second place, with a 2-1 record.

"The Bahama National team was definitely an NCAA Div. I caliber team," Fitts said.

However, there was more to do in the Bahamas than play basketball.

Apparently, the casinos were one attraction the Bearcats had to experience. Jeff Hutcheon won



Retreating from the cold, the Bearcat basketball team has some fun in the sun on the Bahama Islands. The 'Cats defeated both Catawba

and Calvin Colleges, but lost to the Bahamas Nationals. Northwest placed second in the tournament with a 2-1 record.

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Colonial Inn in Nassau.

"They filmed some James Bond movies there," Hutcheon said. "I think it's the oldest hotel on the island. It was built by the British and had columns and chandeliers."

Each suite had three beds, and according to Jones, a beautiful view of the ocean.

"There was a great view of the ocean from our hotel and we could see the big cruise ships come in and turn around behind our hotel," Jones said.

A far cry from Maryville, the Bearcats enjoyed the free time they had between practices and games by hitting the beach.

"It was just gorgeous. I couldn't

believe it. It was just like paradise," Fitts said. "The first thing I thought when I got off the plane was 'Where are the beaches?'"

However, shopping in the straw markets, comparable to the open markets in Mexico, took up much of their time too.

"It was so neat to go through there and see all of the crafts that people have made," Hutcheon said.

According to Fitts, the hottest items going were the T-shirts, which were \$4-\$10, and the sweatshirts, which were around \$13.

There were some economic differences in the Bahamas. For

example, Jones cited cheeseburgers and fries being a dollar each at McDonald's.

Other sight-seeing included taking a ship out to the island where "Gilligan's Island" was filmed. The tour, which cost \$35, included a private showing of the island, lunch and a band for entertainment.

"The lagoon area where they showed Gilligan fishing in the ocean a lot was where you could really tell that that was the place where they filmed it," Hutcheon said.

Besides the order of business and the sight-seeing, there was another side to the trip: the educational side.

"It was a chance to see another culture," Tappemeyer said. "You get to see how other people live, and that makes you appreciate it more when you come home."

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The 'Cats agree it was more than just a basketball trip.

bucket by Jones put Northwest over Catawba College by one point.

"Catawba was pretty tough," Bo Fitts said. "They were about the same caliber as any team in our conference."

"I couldn't believe that final

about \$80 playing the quarter slot machines while Jones and Fitts came out about even. Tappemeyer, who said he wasn't much of a gambler won \$25 doing just that.

For overnight accommodations, the 'Cats stayed in the British

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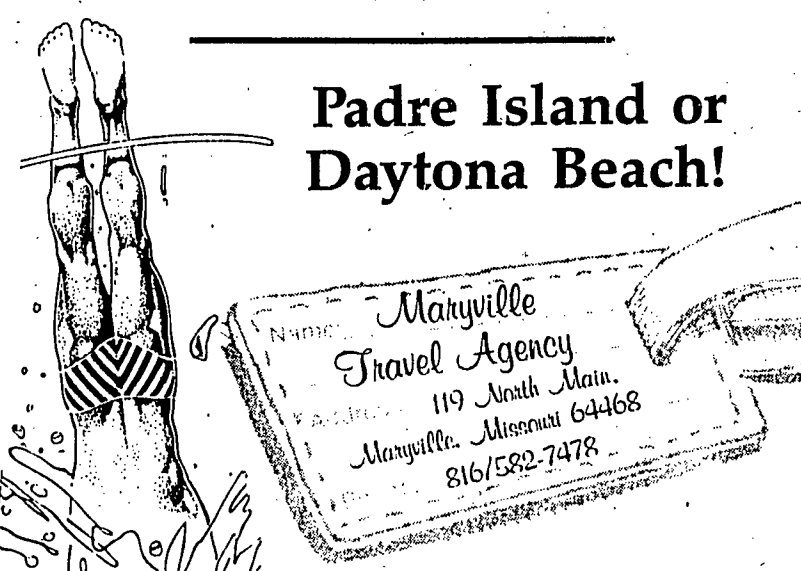
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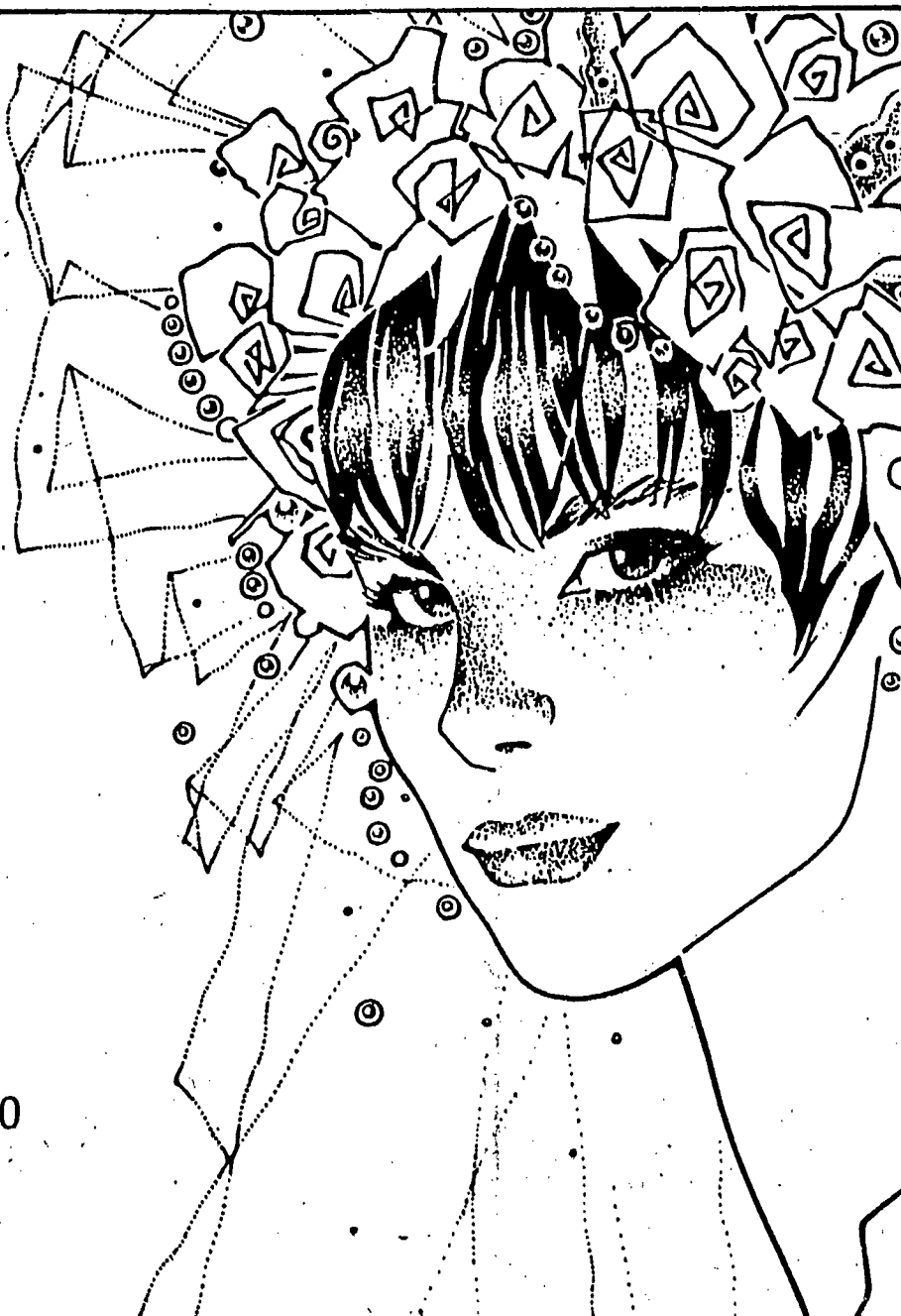
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